

SEC. 7. The jurisdiction of said court shall be as follows:

Jurisdiction.

(a) Said court shall have final, exclusive original jurisdiction of all criminal offenses committed within the city of New Bern, which are now within the jurisdiction of the justices of peace, or which may hereafter be within the jurisdiction of the justices of peace.

Final, exclusive, original jurisdiction within city.

(b) Said court shall have final, exclusive, original jurisdiction of all violations of town ordinances committed within the limits of the city of New Bern.

Jurisdiction as to town ordinances.

(c) Said court shall have final, concurrent, original jurisdiction of all criminal offenses committed in Craven County outside of the city of New Bern, which are now, or may hereafter be within the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace.

Final, concurrent, original jurisdiction.

(d) Said court shall have final, original, exclusive jurisdiction of all criminal offenses committed in the county of Craven above the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace and below the grade of felony, as now defined by law; also, final, original jurisdiction of larceny, and the receiving of stolen goods, knowing them to have been stolen, when the property stolen does not exceed twenty (\$20) dollars in value, except larceny from the dwelling by breaking and entering in the daytime. All crimes and offenses in this section are declared petty misdemeanors. If said court shall fail to take official cognizance of such offenses within sixty days after their commission, said court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior court.

Final, original, exclusive jurisdiction in county.

Jurisdiction of superior court.

(e) In all criminal cases heard by justices of the peace, and other committing magistrates of said county against any person or persons for any offense included under section (d) of this act, in which probable cause of guilt is found, such person or persons shall be bound in a personal recognizance with surety, to appear at the next succeeding session of the special court of Craven County for trial, and in default of such surety such person or persons shall be committed to the common jail of Craven County to await trial.

Cases recognized to special court.

(f) In any other criminal matters wherein the said special court has not final jurisdiction, it shall have power, and is hereby fully authorized to hear and bind over to the proper court all persons charged with any crime committed whereof the preliminary investigation is now conferred on the justices of the peace and the mayor of New Bern, and to render such judgment in such matters as now provided by law: *Provided*, that in any case where prosecution has been commenced prior to the ratification of this act the court in which said prosecution has been instituted shall have jurisdiction thereof; and any and all cases heard by the judge of the special court established by this act as committing magistrate against any person or persons for any offense whereof said court herein established has not jurisdiction in which probable cause of guilt is found, such person or persons so charged shall be bound

Jurisdiction as court of commitment.

Proviso: cases pending.

Recognizances to superior court.